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SUBJECT: 1977 GENERAL ELECTIONS: PARTIES AND TIMETABLE

1. THE HIGH ELECTION BOARD HAS CERTIFIED THAT EIGHT
PARTIES ARE ELIGIBLE TO COMPETE IN THE JUNE 5 GENERAL
ELECTION. AS A QUICK REFERENCE AID FOR USE IN FOLLOWING
CAMPAIGN DEVELOPMENTS, WE ARE LISTING THOSE EIGHT
PARTIES WITH THEIR CHAIRMEN AND THEIR PERCENTAGES OF THE
VOTES IN THE 1969 AND 1973 GENERAL ELECTIONS:

A. REPUBLICAN PEOPLE'S PARTY (BULENT ECEVIT); 1969,
27.4 PERCENT; 1973, 33.3 PERCENT.

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B. JUSTICE PARTY (SULEYMAN DEMIREL); 1969, 46.5 PERCENT;
1973, 29.8 PERCENT.

C. NATIONAL SALVATION PARTY (NECMETTIN ERBAKAN);
1969, DID NOT EXIST; 1973, 11.8 PERCENT.

D. DEMOCRATIC PARTY (FERRUH BOZBEYLI); 1969, DID NOT

EXIST; 1973, 11.9 PERCENT.

E. REPUBLICAN RELIANCE PARTY (TURHAN FEYZIOGLU);
1969, 6.6 PERCENT; 1973, 5.3 PERCENT.

F. NATIONALIST ACTION PARTY (ALPARSLAN TURKES);
1969, 3.0 PERCENT; 1973, 3.4 PERCENT.

G. TURKISH UNITY PARTY (MUSTAFA TIMISI); 1969, 2.8 PERCENT;
1973, 1.1 PERCENT.

H. TURKISH LABOR PARTY (BEHICE BORAN); 1969, 2.7 PERCENT;
1973, INELIGIBLE TO CONTEST.

2. THE HIGH ELECTION BOARD DID NOT CERTIFY SEVERAL VERY SMALL
PARTIES -- THE TURKISH SOCIALIST WORKERS PARTY, TOILERS PARTY,
REVOLUTIONARY SOCIALIST PARTY, FATHERLAND PARTY, OR NATION
PARTY -- AS ELIGIBLE TO ENTER THE ELECTIONS.

3. THE BOARD ALSO ANNOUNCED THE FOLLOWING TIMETABLE FOR THE
REMAINDER OF THE OFFICIAL "ELECTION PERIOD" WHICH BEGAN
APRIL 5:

APRIL 18 - PARTIES SUBMIT CANDIDATE LISTS TO THE HIGH
ELECTION BOARD.

MAY 1 - PRIMARY ELECTIONS.

MAY 15 - OFFICIAL OPENING OF CAMPAIGN PERIOD.
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MAY 23 - PARTIES ALLOWED TO MAKE CAMPAIGN SPEECHES ON
TURKISH STATE RADIO.

JUNE 3 - BALLOT BOX OFFICIALS AND OBSERVERS BEGIN DUTY.

JUNE 4 - ELECTION PROPAGANDA ENDS AT 1800 HOURS.

JUNE 5 - ELECTION DAY. POLLS WILL BE OPEN FROM 8 A.M. TO
5 P.M.

4. BASED ON PAST EXPERIENCE, THE ELECTION RESULTS SHOULD BE
FAIRLY CLEAR BY THE MORNING OF JUNE 6, ALTHOUGH COMPILATION OF
OFFICIAL FINAL RESULTS USUALLY TAKES SEVERAL DAYS.
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